PIT BULL FACTS & FIGURES: Academic Journal Articles

American Journal of Otolaryngology, 2015
Dog bites of the head and neck: An evaluation of common pediatric trauma
Results: One-third of 334 dog bite cases were by pit bulls, and bites from pit bulls more severe than other dogs.

Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 2015
Ocular Trauma from Dog Bites
Results: this study establishes that pit bulls are the most frequent breed associated with ocular injuries from dog bites.

Journal of Pediatric Surgery, 2015
Morbidity of pediatric dog bites
Results: Of 650 dog bite incidents, pit bulls were most frequently responsible for pediatric dog bites.

Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery, 2012
Periorbital trauma from pit bull terrier attacks
Results: In the ophthalmic setting, pit bull terrier attacks most frequently involve children and result in eyelid lacerations.

Injury Prevention, 2012
Effectiveness of breed-specific legislation in decreasing the incidence of dog-bite injury hospitalisations in people in the Canadian province of Manitoba
Results: BSL may have resulted in a reduction of dog bite injury hospitalizations in Winnipeg, Canada

Journal of Forensic Sciences, 2012
Animal Related Fatalities - Part I: Characteristic Autopsy Findings
Results: Pit bulls involved in 42-45% of attacks.

The West Virginia Medical Journal, 2011
Dog bites of the face, head and neck in children
Results: More severe bites and injuries were observed in attacks from the pit-bull and Rottweiler breeds

Analys of Surgery, 2011
Mortality, Mauling, and Maiming by Vicious Dogs
Results: In a 15 year review, attacks by pit bulls associated with higher morbidity rates, higher hospital charges, a higher risk of death than are attacks by other breeds of dogs.
American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, 2009
Dog Bite-Related Fatalities: A 15-Year Review of Kentucky Medical Examiner Cases
Results: Pit bulls implicated in 45% of fatal attacks in a 15-year review

American Society of Plastic Surgeons, 2009
Pediatric Dog Bite Injuries: Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Results: In a 5 year review of 239 patients, 137 or 51% were attacked by pit bulls.

American Association of Plastic Surgeons, 2008
A ten-year, two-institution review of pediatric dog attacks: Advocating for a nationwide prohibition of dangerous dogs
Results: From a review of 109 patients, 57% of dogs were deemed to be of a dangerous breed (Pit Bull or Rottweiler).

The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, 2007
Pitbull Mauling Deaths in Detroit
There is a tendency for pit bulls to attack the neck region and destroy the blood vessels of the neck and cause extensive avulsions of the scalp and ears.

Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, 2000
Breeds of dogs involved in fatal human attacks in the United States between 1979 and 1998
Results: Fatal attacks appear to be a breed-specific problem to pit bulls.

Results: Pit bulls were involved in 24 deaths out of 109 dog bite-related fatalities.

Dog Bites in Urban Children
Results: Significantly more pit bull injuries (94%) were the consequence of unprovoked attacks.

Journal of the American Medical Association, 1989
Dog Bite-Related Fatalities from 1979 through 1988
Results: Pit bull breeds were involved in 41.6% of 101 deaths where dog breed was reported.

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